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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Grayslake Fire  
4 Chief Don Mobley on the occasion of his retirement as Fire  
5 Chief on December 19, 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Don Mobley began his long and distinguished career  
7 with the Grayslake Fire Department as a volunteer in 1979; he  
8 rose through the ranks as a volunteer firefighter, eventually  
9 becoming the department's first full-time employee,  
10 Lieutenant, Director of Fire Prevention, Assistant Chief, and  
11 Fire Chief; he has also been a licensed paramedic for 28 years;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, As Fire Chief, Don Mobley was responsible for  
14 insuring fast and effective emergency response to more than  
15 32,000 residents of the Grayslake Fire Protection District;  
16 during his tenure, the Fire Department's responses increased  
17 from less than 1,500 to more than 3,650, with the department  
18 growing from 10 full-time employees to more than 30; and

19           WHEREAS, Don Mobley is a member of numerous fire service  
20 organizations, having served as President, Vice President, and  
21 Treasurer of the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, the Lake  
22 and McHenry Counties Specialized Response Teams, the

1 Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, and the Northeast Fire  
2 Chiefs Association; he has also served on numerous ad-hoc  
3 committees to improve the delivery of emergency service  
4 throughout Lake County and the State of Illinois, such as the  
5 Lake County Emergency Operations Plan committee, and was the  
6 co-author of the Region X Mass Casualty Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, An emergency responder at heart, Don Mobley also  
8 assisted in the management of some of the largest disaster  
9 operations in the country, including operations during  
10 Hurricane Katrina, the 2007 California wildfires, and the 2008  
11 Mississippi River flooding; and

12 WHEREAS, Don Mobley has accepted a new position as a Fire  
13 Program Specialist with the Federal Emergency Management  
14 Agency in Chicago, a position that he will undoubtedly perform  
15 with the same vigor that he has exhibited as Fire Chief; and

16 WHEREAS, Don Mobley's tireless commitment to the citizens  
17 of Grayslake will be remembered fondly by the many people he  
18 has helped in his 29 years of dedicated service; therefore, be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 congratulate Don Mobley on the occasion of his retirement as

1 Fire Chief of Grayslake and wish him continued success and  
2 happiness with his future career; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Don Mobley as a symbol of our esteem and respect.